



Styx Rocks Aruba!!

It was a trip back to the past when electric rock was first taking hold of the music world as Styx, the first band to earn four consecutive triple platinum albums opened the weekend of the fifth Aruba Music Festival. The audience was mesmerized and energized by the performers that have endured for forty years and are seeing a new success with current releases.

Selections from a new album soon to be released and favorites like “Lady” and “Come Sail Away” had the audience on their feet cheering their appreciation for the great show given by lead vocals and keyboardist Lawrence Gowan, with the band since 1998, and original members from the seventies Tommy Shaw and James “JY” Young, both on guitars and vocals. Completing the band to give Friday night’s electrifying show were Ricky Phillips providing bass guitar and vocals and Todd Sucherman, whose performance on the drums could be described as “frenzied.”

This combination of the old and the new had all generations on their feet gyrating and swaying to the sound of electric rock, and many young people were in wonder to realize that this was the music to which their parents and *grandparents* listened and danced when they were their age. A highlight of the evening was when Chuck Panozzo, who founded the band with his brother Joseph in 1961 came on the stage in a rare appearance to join them for a few of their classic hits.

Styx has had a total of eight Billboard top ten singles, sixteen Billboard top forty singles, and twenty-three Billboard top one hundred singles, making them one of the most successful music groups of the past forty years. Their performance in Aruba left no doubts as to why!